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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

(If known. see 37CFR 1.5)

09/647,780 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/FR99/00807 07 April 1999 08 April 1998

TITLE OF INVENTION: NOVEL MEMBRANE-BOUND METALLOPROTEASE NEP II AND THE USE...

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: OUIMET et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the US Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
 - This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Art. 22 and 39(1).
 - A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
 - 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - Amendments to the claims of the International Appln. under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371 (c)(3))
 - are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments had NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
 - A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- X 9. An oath-or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
 - 10. A translation of the annexes to the Int'l Prelim. Exam. Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

- 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- X 13. A First preliminary amendment.

A Second or subsequent preliminary amendment.

14. A substitute specification.

15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 01 FC:115

16. Other items or information:

- X Statement under 37 CFR 1.821 including diskette
- A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith, and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized in 17(c).

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!	X 17. The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
	Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1)-(5):				e • •	
	Neither Int'l Prelim. Exam. fee nor Int'l Search fee paid to USPTO \$1000				"	•
	Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO \$860					
	No Int'l Prelim. Ex. fee paid to USPTO but Int'l Search fee paid to USPTO \$ 710				(1)	
	International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTPO \$ 690				•	
	Int'l Prelim. Ex. fee paid to USPTO & all claims satisfied PCT Art. 33(1)-(4) \$ 100					
	ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				\$	
	X Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [] 20 mos. from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). [] 30 mos. +				\$130.00	
•	CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
	Total Claims	- 20 =		X \$18 =	\$	
•	Independent Claims	- 03 =		X \$80 =	\$	
	Multiple Depend	lent Claim(s) (if applic	able)	+ \$270 =	\$	
	TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 130.00	
	Reduction of ½ for small entity status of applicant				\$	
	SUBTOTAL =				\$ 130.00	
	X Processing fee of \$130 for furnishing the English translation later than from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). [] 30 mos. +				\$ 130.00	
	TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 260.00	
	X Fee for recording the enclosed assignment, accompanied by a cover sheet - \$40 per property				\$ 40.00	
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•	X a. A check in the amount of \$300.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
. •	b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-0555 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees.					
.'	X c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.					
	Note: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:					
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